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1. WE AGREE THAT IT NOW WOULD BE TIMELY FOR LAINCC TO REVIEW 1976 NCAP TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION POINTS MADE IN REFTEL. WE INTEND TO HOLD SUCH A MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON GROWTH OF OPIUM POPPIES IN COSTA RICA MENTIONED IN BOTH THE CASP AND REFTEL. WE AGREE WITH THEORY THAT PRESSURES IN MEXICO MAY FORCE TRAFFICKERS TO DEVELOP PRODUCTION CENTERS ELSEWHERE, WITH COSTA RICA A POSSIBILITY. A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS GUATEMALA, ECUADOR,

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COLOMBIA, ARE ALSO POSSIBILITIES. THEREFORE, WE WOULD

APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU HAVE INDICATING
COSTA RICA MAY BE A PREFERRED SITE. THE SUGGESTION IN
REFTEL THAT OPIUM POPPIES GROW WILD THERE IS INTRIGUING.
THIS IS POSSIBLE SINCE IT IS AN "ANNUAL" THAT COULD RESEED
ITSELF, BUT ITS GROWTH IN WILD ENVIORNMENT SEEMS UNLIKELY.
ITS GROWTH GENERALLY REQUIRES CAREFUL CULTIVATION; SURVI-
VAL IN THE WILD WOULD BE RARE. SISCO

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